

I am very opposed to satellite radio providers being restricted from providing local content. We use XM radio and its local weather and traffic. When my wife is on the road, as she is frequently, I can listen to weather and traffic conditions in the city she is currently visiting, know the weather in which she is travelling and can better predict her schedule. This would be impossible if only local radio stations were allowed to provide local content. Additionally, we use the Boston information to plan our frequent trips into that city and can get access to the information well before local Boston radio stations can be received.

I also am opposed to the potential restrictions on satellite providers because it represents a restraint on technological innovation. Satellite radio, with its many potential spin-off services, is a tremendous leap forward. Much as HDTV will define the future of television, I predict that satellite delivered media will dominate traditional AM and FM services. It is the job of the FCC to foster competition, not unfairly protect the status quo.